receiving a search request from a client;

creating a modified search request by applying a search profile for the client to the received search request; and

routing the modified search request to a search engine having a search engine collections populated from the content files;

wherein the applying of the search profile includes adding at least a portion of the search profile to the received search request to specify a set of the search engine collections to be searched by the search engine with the modified search request.

7. (Amended) A method for restricting direct access to content files by a search engine and a client during an information search initiated by the client and performed by the search engine, comprising:

positioning a search engine interface between the client and the search engine, wherein the search engine interface is also positioned between the search engine and the content files;

receiving with the search engine interface an indexing request from the search engine for a set of information from the content files;

operating the search engine interface to retrieve the set of information from the content files;

modifying content in the set of information with the search engine interface;

passing the modified set of information to the search engine for use in populating a search engine collections;

receiving at the search engine interface a search request from the client; and

routing the search request to the search engine for use in searching the search engine collections.

18. (Amended) A computer program for controlling access to content files during an information search initiated by a client and performed by a search engine, comprising:

first computer code devices configured to cause a computer to receive a search request from the client;

second computer code devices configured to cause a computer to create a modified search

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request by applying a search profile for the client to the received search request;

third computer code devices configured to cause a computer to route the modified search request to the search engine, the search engine being communicatively linked to a search engine collections populated with a set of information from the content files; and

fourth computer code devices configured to cause a computer to intercept an indexing request from the search engine for information from the content files and to generate a restricted populating set of information by modifying results of the indexing request, wherein the search engine uses the restricted populating set to populate the search engine collections;

wherein the search profile defines select ones of the search engine collections for applying the modified search request during the information search.

19. (Amended) The computer program of claim 18, further including fifth computer code devices configured to cause a computer to generate the search profile based on client information.

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22. (New) A method for concurrently restricting direct access to content files by a search engine and a client during an information search initiated by the client and performed by the search engine, comprising:

positioning a search engine interface between the client and the search engine, wherein the search engine interface is also positioned between the search engine and the content files;

receiving with the search engine interface an indexing request from the search engine for a set of information from the content files;

operating the search engine interface to retrieve the set of information from the content files;

modifying the retrieved set of information with the search engine interface to include service identifications;

passing the modified set of information to the search engine for use in populating a search engine collections;

receiving at the search engine interface a search request from the client;

modifying the search request to add a particular service identification defined in a client

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